

Arizona Department of Water Resources Governor's Water Augmentation Council

*Arizona Corporation Commission:
Water Emergency Team “WET”
ADWR coordination*



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Water Emergency Team “WET”

Primary “WET” team MISSION:

To provide a coordinated state response and information sharing platform during water system emergencies.

Secondary goals:

Provide a forum for a long-term multi agency effort to address water systems that are chronically out of compliance or have severe distribution problems.



“WET” team members

- **State Agencies:** ACC, ADEQ, ADWR, WIFA, DEMA, Governors Office on Tribal Relations, Residential Utility Consumer Office, Arizona Commerce Authority
- **Local Governments:** county associations (County Supervisors Association & Arizona Association of Counties), local fire and regional emergency call centers
- **Private Entities:** Rural Water Association of Arizona, Water Utilities Association of Arizona, large private water utilities



“WET” team short term functions

- **Coordinate emergency response for small water systems that go down; primarily ADEQ & ACC; private utilities providing technical expertise and equipment loans**
- **Notifies team members of events & corrective actions**
- **Acts as an information clearing house for agencies, press and public during events**



“WET” team long-term projects

- WIFA/ACC funds to rehabilitate “orphan” small systems to bring into compliance (ADEQ/SDWA) or repair/replace derelict infrastructure.
- DEMA leftover end of year emergency funds may be used for critical infrastructure repair; looking at directing to “high needs” water systems
- ADWR/WIFA rural outreach program; targeting L&U water. WIFA grant, ADWR technical assistance (M36 loss reduction protocol)



“WET” team long-term projects (continued)

- ADEQ initiating systematic publication of Safe Drinking Water Act compliance reports & coordinate with ACC for system upgrades for compliance
- ACC looking at potential future consolidation of small water systems to make them more economically viable, increase supply and infrastructure dependability. Condemnation/takings questions



Annual Reporting Discussions

- ADWR & ACC Initiated discussions to improve response and quality of data on annual reports
- Focus on rural systems; ADWR community water system reports
- Coordination project between ACC, ADWR & ADEQ on annual reporting for water systems
- Initial concepts: common web portal; modify reporting forms (use one form?); eliminate duplicative questions; modify reporting season (one annual due date–statutory modifications?)



QUESTIONS?



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